

NIAGARA COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

LOCKPORT, N. Y.

JOHN T. SYMES
PRESIDENT

May 5, 1921.

Dear Mr. Robinson:-

No action was taken last evening. We adjourned for three weeks and the committee will study the situation along the lines talked with you. I think the church was not quite ready last night. Sentiment indicates that probably by the time mentioned, they will be ready to act definitely.

Of course this does not give you any definite information only that your name is being favorably considered. We do not hear a single adverse comment on your appearance. Will advise you of any action or developments while we pray for leadership of the Spirit. We understand that you will preach at the Church of the Covenant next Sunday and the one following. Is that correct?

Cordially yours,

John T. Symes

Lost the address you gave me

NIAGARA COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

LOCKPORT, N.Y.

JOHN T. SYMES
PRESIDENT

May 10-1921

My Dear Mr. Robinson:-

Delighted to receive your splendid letter. The answer to the question which you gave before the committee ^{was satisfactory}, but surely you have covered the subject handsomely. You are believe in the Bible as the Word of God written by men inspired by the Holy Spirit. You know from the little time you were in the men's class my personal interpretation and altho very feeble and humble, I do endeavor, with God's help to teach the "pure and undefiled Gospel" as the panacea for all ills. Our men all seem to like that idea. I believe people to-day prefer clear presentation of the Gospel of Sin, of Redemption and Christ as the Son of God.

We think it wise to ask two of our men to call on you in your own workshop. They were much pleased. We have a committee meeting to-morrow evening. The congregational meeting

will be on the 25th. I believe you will
be called. I hope so. If so, I trust God
will direct you to accept. We have a
great field for a young man of your
ambition and Christian ideals.

We could not hold the Congregational
meeting earlier for various reasons.

Will advise you of any development.

Cordially yours

John T. Symes

NIAGARA COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

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JOHN T. SYMES
PRESIDENT

May 13, 1921.

My Dear Mr. Robinson:-

Last evening we held meeting of committee.

We all favored recommending you to the church meeting to be on the 25th. It was thought wise however to ask you to come once more and bring Mrs. Robinson so that she might see the place and meet some of our people. This may seem in a way unusual but Mr. Papperman was single and there is a strong demand for a married man. Hence his wife will play an important part although we shall not expect anything more of our pastor's wife than should be expected of other members of the church.

Mr. Wilson has just told me that you have consented to come unless he hears again that it will be impossible. Certainly we would not ask this of you were it not for the fact that we believe you will be called. You made a fine impression. All that we have seen and heard since is most satisfactory. We have not heard any adverse criticism. Hence it is natural to say plainly that we believe the meeting will adopt the committee report.

We shall continue to pray that whatever is best for the Kingdom and your own good self and family, may result.

Cordially yours,

John T. Symes



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Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,
Cleveland, Ohio,

Dear Sir:-

I am writing you in confirmation of our conversation by telephone to-day.

A meeting of our committee attended by six members out of seven was held at my home last evening, at which time you received the unanimous unofficial approval and support of the committee after a thorough discussion of the entire situation including a report of our trip to Cleveland last Sunday.

We can also assure you that you have been very favorably received by, and have created a very favorable impression in the minds of a great many of our church and congregation during your brief visit with us.

As it is our intention to place your name before our Congregational meeting on Wednesday May 25th., and it our sincere desire to secure the greatest possible support of our congregation both for your sake and ours, and for the good of our church; ^{and its work} knowing our people as we do in their desire to feel they are having a part and choice in a matter of this sort - we thought it advisable to give them another opportunity of hearing you in Lockport, if agreeable to you, on Sunday May 22nd. just prior to our Congregational Meeting.

It is the particular desire of the committee also that you bring Mrs Robinson along too.

Thanking yourself and all other members of your church for the splendid hospitality extended to Mr. Huber and myself, and looking forward with the greatest pleasure to seeing Mrs Robinson and your self again next week, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Geo. Olson Wilson

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JOHN T. SYMES
PRESIDENT

May 16-1921

My Dear Mr. Robinson:

Your kind letter received and I fully appreciate the situation. You are perfectly correct. It would not be right to ask you and Mrs. R. to come here on a mere supposition. The committee is unanimous.

We are all ready to call you. I telephoned and interviewed four of them again to-day to be sure that I am right. The committee has decided to recommend you and I have just been visiting with a prominent member of the church who is not on our committee. I told him the exact situation and he said we should not hesitate to ask you to come on the understanding that the church will call you. He says he has not heard a word against you but very much for you. So Mr. Robinson, I would say your call is about as sure as anything which has not happened. There should however be a readiness on the part of all concerned to accept the result if something entirely unexpected arises to make our present plans seem unwise.

Since our experience leading up to the call of the last meeting, we have endeavored to keep in touch with the pulse and mind of the church and it would be the surprise of my life if there arises any material objection to the decision of the Committee. I hope and pray you and Mrs. R. will like us as we do you and your straight forward manner. We are making plans to entertain you in one of our homes unless you prefer to stop at the hotel. Will you bring the baby? I ask as it makes some difference as to what we provide.

It would be very good if you prepare ten or fifteen minutes for the men's class. The subject is the Home as you no doubt are aware. Also a certain good will result if you can go to the C. E. meeting and have a few words for the young folks. I know it will be a busy day but the committee wants to settle the matter now and has in mind strengthening the good sentiment even more.

Let me hear about these various plans and also the time you will arrive so I can have my car at the station.

Very cordially and sincerely yours

John T. Symes

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LOCKPORT, N.Y.

JOHN T. SYMES
PRESIDENT

May 16-1921

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Since writing you before, this very day, I think it has been decided that Mrs. Symes and I are to have the honor of entertaining you and Mrs. Robinson, unless, as stated, you do not want a private home.

We have a fine maid who can take care of the baby while Mrs. R. is at Church, if you decide to bring the little one.

Cardially

John T. Symes

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LOCKPORT, N.Y.

JOHN T. SYMES
PRESIDENT

May 19-1921

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Really glad you and Mrs. Robinson will spend the resting and eating time while in Lockport, at our home. We are ordinary folks but try to have enough of comfort and to share with our friends.

You do not appear to know when you will arrive. We shall expect you at the evening meal or sooner, Saturday. If I miss you, just change to Locust Street car and go to High Street. We are second house from left for corner as you get off, No. 257 High St.

Anticipating very great pleasure in having you with us, I am

Cordially yours

John T. Symes

NIAGARA COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

LOCKPORT, N.Y.

JOHN T. SYMES
PRESIDENT

May 26-1921

My Dear Mr. Robinson:-

The meeting was splendid. There was only one vote taken and no one against the call. I thought everyone here but I have been told that two ladies did not vote at all. One said he thought they had reasons for not taking any part but did not think they had any objection to you.

The call was @ \$3600. manse and moving expense. You probably will hear promptly from the Clerk and Moderator. We shall await your acceptance and believe God will help Pastor and people in making it a greater church than ever. The repairs to building will proceed early I think. The meeting authorized the Trustees to buy or build a manse. They will get busy.

Very best regards and good wishes to you and Mrs. Robinson and the little man.

Cardially

John T. Symes

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. G. A. Papperman, Minister

The Church
Bell Phone, 767

The Church Office
Bell Phone 425 W

Lockport, New York

May 27th., 1921-

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,

11414 Mayfield Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Robinson:-

I am glad to write you that at the adjourned congregational meeting held on the evening of May 25th., the following resolution was read, discussed and finally passed unanimously:

Whereas the Pulpit Committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Lockport, N.Y., comprising Mrs. L.G. Merritt, Messrs E. Albert Rogers, W.H. Upson, Jr., George O. Wilson, L.T. Huber, Dr. L.R. Hurlbut and John T. Symes, have made a thorough investigation of the record, character, education, experience and standing generally of Rev. Stewart M. Robinson of Cleveland, Ohio, and all the members of said committee believe that he would make an acceptable pastor of the church, therefore be it

Resolved that the members and congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Lockport, regularly convened on the twenty-fifth day of May, 1921, hereby extend a call to the Rev. Stewart M. Robinson to become the pastor of this church; that the salary be at the rate of thirty-six hundred dollars (\$3600.00) per annum until January first, 1922; that a manse or temporary residence be provided by the church; that the moving expenses from Cleveland be paid by the church; that Mr. Robinson be granted one months vacation which is usual in this church and that he be asked to take up the work as soon as the trustees provide a residence in the City of Lockport.

I presume the trustees will be glad to take up the matter of a residence as soon as you indicate your acceptance, and I will be glad to send you the necessary paper to be presented to Presbytery.

Sincerely yours

W. b. Lake

Clerk of the Session.

G. Taylor Wright Moderator

422 Pine St,

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NORTH TONAWANDA, N. Y.
G. TAYLOR WRIGHT, MINISTER

May 28, 1921

Rev Stewart W. Robinson:

Dear Sir:-

It gives me great pleasure to forward to you the enclosed call to the Lockport Church. I heartily congratulate you and can assure you of a royal welcome.

The call was unanimous and the spirit of meeting fine.

Hoping soon to have the pleasure of meeting you and welcoming you to our Presbytery.

Sincerely,
Yours

G. Taylor Wright Moderator